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SAID ON JULY 1978 THAT LEIGH HAS

FELED AN APPEAL IN THE SUPREME COURT PROTESTING THAT HE

MAS REMOVED FROM THE JUNTA ILLEGALLY. SAID THAT

LEIGH'S APPEAL IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE CITATION OF THE

"ABSOLUTE IMPOSSIBILITY" OF LEIGH TO CONTINUE TO GOVERN

UNDER THE TERMS OF DECREE LAW 527 WAS IMPROPER, SINCE

THE INTENT OF THIS LAW WAS TO REFER ONLY TO PHYSICAL

IMPOSSIBILITY TO GOVERN RATHER THAN POLITICAL IMPOSSI-

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DELIVERED THE

APPEAL ON 24 JULY TO RENE P I C A, SECRETARY OF THE

SUPREME COURT. LEIGH REALIZES THAT

HE HAS NO CHANCE TO MIN HIS APPEAL, BUT THAT HE WANTS

TO PUBLICIZE THE FACT THAT PRESIDENT AUGUSTO P I N O C H E T

IMPROPERLY USED LEGAL TRICKERY TO HAVE HIM REMOVED.

THAT LEIGH HAS NO OTHER PLANS TO ATTEMPT .

. TO FIGHT HIS FIRING.

SECURITY BY THE GOVERNMENT TO KEEP TRACK OF HIS

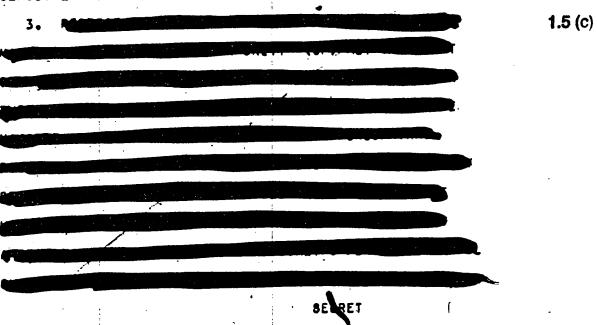
MOVEMENTS AND HAS BEEN DIRECTED NOT MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF A

POLITICAL NATURE.

THAT LEIGH HAD CONSIDERED

REQUESTING ASYLUM IN THE U.S. EMBASSY BUT HIS BROTHER,

SERGIO L E I G H, HAD TALKED HIM OUT OF IT.



JALSO BELIEVE THAT

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PINOCHET WILL BE FURTHER WEAKENED BY THE EXTRADITION
REQUESTS WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRESENTED FOR FORMER
OFFICIALS OF THE DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
(DINA) IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF ORLANDO
L E T E L I E R. IN ADDITION, THEY BELIEVE THAT THE FINAL
REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
(UNHRC) WORKING GROUP WILL BE HIGHEY CRITICAL OF THE
GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL FURTHER WEAKEN PINOCHET'S HOLD
ON THE GOVERNMENT.

BELIEF ON STATEMENTS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE VICARIATE
OF SOLIARITY, WHO BELIEVE THAT THE UNHRC WORKING
GROUP HAS BEEN CONVINCED BY THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO

DECIDED TO GATHER AS

MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING THE REACTION

WITHIN THE DIFFERENT ARMED SERVICES TO LEIGH'S REMOVAL.

THEY BELIEVE THEY WILL FIND THAT THERE IS INCREASED

DISENCHANTMENT WITH PINOCHET ON THE PART OF NUMEROUS AIR

THEM OF THE VERACITY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

ATTRIBUTED TO THE PINOCHET GOVERNMENT.

SERET

FORCE, NAVY, AND CARABINERO OFFICERS.

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DECIDED THAT ALL THE OPPOSITION PARTIES SHOULD TAKE INCREASED SECURITY PRECAUTIONS, SINCE THE GOVERNMENT - MAY FEEL THE NEED TO STEP UP THE REPRESSION OF THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION AT THIS TIME.

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